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Paramedics ride to remember

Paramedics from the services of Haliburton County and the City of Peterborough ride down Highland Street during the annual Paramedic Memorial Bell Tour on Wednesday, Sept. 16 in Haliburton. This ride raises money to support the Paramedic Memorial Foundation, which is looking to construct a monument in Ottawa to commemorate paramedics who have died on duty. They rode from Haliburton to Peterborough, stopping in Minden, Kinmount, Bobcaygeon, Buckhorn and Lakefield, covering close to 140 kilometres on the day. /DARREN LUM Staff

Opioid overdoses in region may surpass 2019 numbers

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Preliminary data in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district reports 15 suspected overdose deaths from January to May of this year, compared to 20 opioid related overdose deaths in all of 2019, while in the province, an approximate 35 per cent increase in overdose deaths was reported from April to July this year, compared to the same period last year.

According to statistics released by the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services in August 2020, an overall increase in overdose rates in 2020 might occur compared to last year. The Kawartha Lakes Police Services board reports 88 suspected overdose incidents and six deaths so far in 2020, compared to 93 suspected overdose incidents and nine deaths last year in total.

Anecdotal reports from other local police services, emergency medical services and other community partners also point toward an increase in the number of overdose events in recent months during the pandemic.

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Opera organizers cancel event as social gathering rules change

JENN WATT

Editor

Restrictions introduced by the provincial government to slow the spread of the coronavirus, restricting social gatherings to 10 people inside and 25 outside, put a halt to plans to offer opera in the park for Highlands Opera Studio last weekend.

The free event, which was to have been

on Sunday, Sept. 21, was abruptly cancelled as organizers took into account the province's message on COVID-19.

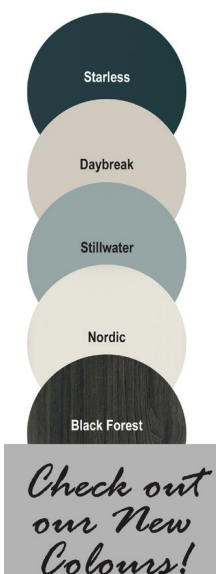
The decision to cancel the event featuring singers Lauren Margison and River Guard and pianist Stéphane Mayer was made in consultation with Mayor Andrea Roberts, a post from the opera studio says.

"We are extremely grateful to the Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Folk Society for their help

in the preparation of this event, and to our wonderful friends and supporters who reserved tickets to the event. We will continue to miss all of you and will bring this concert to you as soon as possible!" the opera studio posted. "The artists are rehearsed and ready to go, and we will be videoing much of what they've prepared, so stay tuned!"

On the weekend, the Ford government expanded the gathering restrictions that

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Pandemic may be contributing to overdoses

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Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, provided an update on the health unit's harm reduction program enhancements at the board of health meeting held through a conference phone call on Sept. 17.

"In responding to COVID-19, access to supports and services for people who use drugs has been limited," said Noseworthy. "Physical distancing and social isolation may be necessary to slow COVID-19, but using substances alone increases the risk of overdose. Rising anxiety and depression due to the pandemic, as well as an increase in toxic drug supply, have also fuelled the increase in overdoses."

The health unit response to addressing the opioid crisis in the HKPR district throughout the COVID-19 pandemic included

- continuing operation of the Needle Exchange Program supply distribution at health unit office locations with additional safety measures in place, and continued distribution of naloxone kits to registered agencies

- regular consultation with other agencies, including PARN, Green Wood Coalition and FourCast, that have a more direct relationship with people who use substances, "adding perspective beyond the official stats, such as people experiencing overdoses not calling 911, the local presence of a new drug or a drug with increased potency, and barriers and challenges people face to access support services"

- working with two area shelters to ensure client access to harm reduction supplies, assisting with issues as they arose

- creating and distributing information resources to people who use substances on safer substance use and harm reduction during COVID-19, including to shelter clients

- sharing relevant overdose data and alerts with EMS, police and hospital partners, as well as member agencies of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy, to provide for a coordinated response – so far in 2020, four surveillance reports, two drug alerts and five drug alerts from neighbouring health units have been shared.

Additionally, the health unit distributed more than 48,000 needles, with 31,000 needles returned (a 64 per cent rate of return) and made 452 contacts with 41 new contacts in the first quarter. In the second quarter, more than 36,500 needles were distributed with more than 17,000 needles returned (a 47 per cent rate of return) and 407 contacts were made, 30 of those being new. The health unit acknowledged "the second quarter numbers may be inaccurate due to the simultaneous occurrence of a new data inventory and reporting system and COVID-19."

In the first half of the year, 354 naloxone kits were distributed to community agencies, compared to 329 kids during the same time period in 2019.

"During COVID-19, harm reduction efforts have continued to be a priority for the health unit and our community partners," said Noseworthy. "The health unit continues to provide the needle exchange program and the naloxone program, as well as its opioid surveillance, early warning and local opioid response programs."

Ride to fund monument

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Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts reads the names of 50 paramedics who died while on duty just before paramedics for the City of Peterborough and Haliburton County began their ride last Wednesday morning.

Correction

Last week, an incorrect email address was published in the caption for a photo of the Shout Sisters practicing together outside. New members are welcome. The correct email address for those interested in signing up is members@shoutsisterchoir.ca.



Participants listen to the names of paramedics who have died while on duty before beginning their ride to Peterborough via Minden, Kinmount, Buckhorn, Bobcaygeon and Lakefield.

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Annual flu vaccine ‘more important than ever’

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

It might not be the vaccine that has been on everyone’s mind this year, but the annual flu vaccine will be available in Haliburton County and across Ontario in October, and according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit quoting Immunize Canada, “it’s more important than ever to reduce the spread of flu.”

“The best protection against influenza is the annual flu vaccine, so the health unit encourages everyone to get vaccinated this year,” said Marianne Rock, health unit manager of health protection. Influenza is a serious respiratory illness caused by a virus, according to the health unit website. “People of any age can get the flu, and illness usually lasts five to 10 days, sometimes longer in older adults and in people with chronic diseases,” reads the site. “Most people who get the flu are ill for only a few days. However, some people can become very ill, possibly developing complications and requiring hospitalization.”

Symptoms of influenza include fever, cough, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and fatigue.

“The best way to prevent the flu is to be immunized every year,” reads the site.

“The flu shot is a safe and effective way to protect you and your family from becoming ill with the flu. The flu shot strengthens your immune system to build up antibodies against the virus. It can take up to two weeks for antibodies to build up after you get the flu shot.”

Health experts are urging the public to consider getting a flu shot this year to help combat the challenges on our health-care system dealing with both COVID-19 and flu season.

“As we head into what could be a second wave of COVID-19 this winter, getting flu vaccine has added benefit and significance this year,” said Rock. “The more people who get flu vaccine, the better protected they will be from influenza. That can be extra critical at a time when many health-care resources are being deployed to respond to COVID-19. If fewer people have to go to the doctor or hospital for influenza this winter, that frees up needed resources in the fight against the pandemic.”

“Getting flu vaccine this winter will also reduce a potential double whammy of becoming infected with both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time,” she

said. It is important for residents to know that the flu shot does not offer protection against COVID-19.

“The viruses that cause influenza and COVID-19 are very different and distinct,” said Rock. “That means the annual flu vaccine will just protect people from influenza, not COVID-19. Getting a flu shot is still important because influenza is a serious infectious disease in its own right.”

It’s still too early to determine how effective this year’s flu vaccine will be in reducing the risk of influenza, according to Rock.

“As you know, the World Health Organization determines the most likely flu virus strains that will be circulating in the upcoming flu season,” she said. “The vaccine is then manufactured to protect against these strains. When there is a good match between the flu vaccine and the circulating flu strains, people’s risk of getting sick from influenza is greatly reduced. Even if the match isn’t exact, getting the flu vaccine still offers a person more protection than if they did not get a shot.”

While some people who get the flu vaccine will still get sick from influenza, it is usually milder than if they had not been vaccinated.

Typically the flu shot is available at medical clinics including doctor offices, and also at pharmacies, the involvement of the latter Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team said “has significantly improved patients’ access to the vaccine. There should be no excuse not to get it.”

This year is the first that pharmacies can also offer a high-dose flu shot, available to those 65 years and older.

“My message this year will be even stronger to encourage folks to receive a flu shot for the same reasons we want a COVID vaccine,” said Bottum. “To protect yourself against a potentially dangerous virus and to protect others around you, especially the vulnerable.”

Dr. Nell Thomas, also with family health team, noted that anyone over six months of age needs vaccination.

“Get your flu shot this year and urge others to do the same,” she said. “The more vaccinations you have, the greater your protection from the variety of influenza strains that present each year.”

“If 65 per cent of the population is vaccinated, that can reduce the burden of disease in a community significantly and make what could otherwise be an overwhelming situation actually manageable by our small team of health-care workers.”



A fire consumes a three-bay garage on a property at the north end of Koshlong Lake on Thursday, Sept. 17. The Highlands East Fire Department responded to the fire, assisted by the Dysart Fire Department. No injuries were reported. /Photo by Mike Angelo

Lake residents thankful fire dept controlled blaze on Koshlong Lk.

JENN WATT

Editor

Fifteen firefighters from Highlands East responded to a structure fire on Koshlong Lake on Thursday, Sept. 17 just after 5 p.m.

Once at the scene, the firefighters found a three-bay garage ablaze, said Chris Baughman, fire chief for Highlands East. They were on scene until about 10 p.m.,

assisted by the Dysart Fire Department.

The property was on Tadpole Lane, at the north end of the lake.

Mike Palmer of the Koshlong Lake Association saw the fire and told the *Echo* that the lake association was thankful to the fire departments for attending and “preventing the fire from spreading and starting a forest fire.”

No injuries were reported and no one was in the garage at the time of the fire.

The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.



Making way

Heavy machinery works at removing parts of the rock face along Highway 118 to prepare for a longer off-ramp to Kennis Lake Road and Eagle Lake Road on Wednesday, Sept. 16 in West Guilford. Expect delays while work continues, as the road is reduced to one lane./ DARREN LUM Staff

At right is the cumulative data for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as of Monday, Sept. 21. Haliburton County has had 15 total COVID-19 cases and all of them have been resolved. Visit hkpr.on.ca to see data updated Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

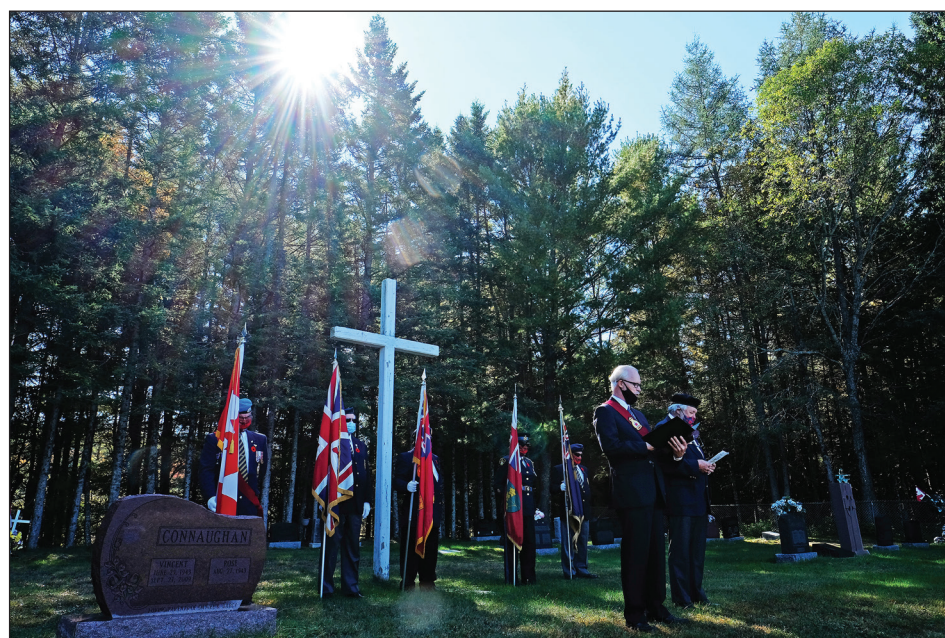
This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	178	41	234
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	2	6	4	12
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	159	34	208
Not Resolved	0	0	6	6
Deaths	0	32	1	33
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0



Decoration Day honours veterans

Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's sergeant-at-arms Nick Bryant leads the colour party to Evergreen Cemetery on Pine Avenue, as part of the Legion's second annual Veterans Decoration Day on Sept. 21 in Haliburton. The event included the placing of 143 crosses at veterans' gravesites, an opening ceremony with words from president Paul Sisson and reverend Garry Swagerman at St. Anthony Cemetery across the road from Evergreen Cemetery, music by Gord Kidd, and attendance by a small group consisting of Legion and auxiliary members, Lions Club members and media representatives. COVID-19 protocols were observed and the event was sponsored by the Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary and the Haliburton and District Lions Club, /DARREN LUM Staff



Royal Canadian Legion of Haliburton's reverend Garry Swagerman speaks at the Legion's second annual Veterans Decoration Day on Sept. 21 at St. Anthony Cemetery in Haliburton.



The sun was shining for the Decoration Day, which recognized 143 veterans by placing white crosses at their gravesites.

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Decision 'extremely' disappointing for organizers

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had previously only applied to Toronto, Peel Region and Ottawa.

"Over the past several days, we have seen an alarming growth in the number of COVID-19 cases in the province," Premier Doug Ford said in a media release. "Clearly, the numbers are heading in the wrong direction. That's why we are taking decisive action to lower the size of unmonitored private social gatherings in every region of Ontario. We need everyone to follow the public health rules in order to prevent another provincewide lockdown, and protect all our citizens, especially the elderly and the vulnerable."

"Unmonitored and private social gatherings" includes those held at private dwellings as well as those in public parks or recreational areas and takes in functions such as parties, dinners, barbecues and wedding receptions. The province has also specified that gatherings cannot be merged to bump the total to 35 with 25 outside and 10 inside.

Staffed businesses and facilities do not fall under these new limits. Restaurants, banquet halls, places of worship, performing arts events would only need to comply with the existing public health rules such as social distancing, mask usage and sanitation.

Valerie Kuinka, who organized the event, said there wasn't enough time between when the province announced the rules and when the opera concert was scheduled to find out whether their event would be exempt. Although it was a performing arts event (which would be exempt), it was held in a public park (which was noted as an area where restrictions applied). Hefty potential fines were a deterrent, she said.

"Our artists were ready and really looking forward to performing. We were and still are extremely disappointed," she said in an email to the *Echo*.

The event is to be rescheduled. Video of some of the songs will be posted online in coming weeks.

HHHSF thanks departing chairperson for years of dedication

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The 23rd annual general meeting for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation was about recognizing the uncertainty of living through a pandemic and the strength of the community, which provides the backbone for the local health-care services.

At the AGM, which was held via Zoom on Thursday morning, Sept. 17, there were two contrasting themes: hello and goodbye.

It was hello to the world of masks and social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, which has meant the cancellation of major fundraising events and altering how things typically work. It was goodbye to long-standing chairperson Peter Oyler, who announced he was stepping away from the board after close to 17 years of service.

Auditor John West of Grant Thornton LLP congratulated the foundation's board and the community on a successful year.

"As our communication letter notes no issues, no unadjusted items, no significant items to report to the board and we don't have recommendations for improvements because we couldn't find anything needing improving," he said.

West presented the foundation's financial report up to March 31, 2020.

The report stated: "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation has had to curtail and postpone some of the fundraising activities that were scheduled to take place subsequent to year end. While these actions may have an impact on future donations and fundraising rev-

enue, it is not known at this time what that impact will be. The Foundation's investment portfolio has experienced a decrease in market value as a result of the volatility in the markets."

The value of the portfolio is \$1,075,695, which is down from \$1,307,512.

The report further stated: "Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended March 31, 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact, if any. At this time, the duration and impact of the outbreak and its potential adverse effects on the Foundation's business or results of operations are uncertain and will depend on future developments."

Executive director Lisa Tompkins acknowledged fundraising efforts have been hindered because of COVID-19. She said there has been support from the community, the board and volunteers.

"And while many of our traditional fundraising events have been furloughed or cancelled we continue to develop and execute new ways of virtual outreach and we're nonetheless so appreciative of the support and generosity shown by so many over these past months and this year," she said.

President and CEO Carolyn Plummer credited the foundation for its ongoing support of capital expenses and programming for the community. The foundation transferred \$909,171, contributing to acute and emergency care, palliative care and community support services.

Plummer said it's been 20 years since the Minden and Haliburton hospitals were built and that achievement wasn't possible without the foundation.

"Our current main facilities wouldn't

be here if it wasn't for the tremendous efforts of the foundation to raise the necessary funds. And it's been 20 years since our current facilities have opened. We're extremely grateful for all the support you've provided to make that happen," she said.

She adds a celebration for the milestone is being considered.

Retiring from the foundation board are Angela Jones and Murray Martin, who were acknowledged for their efforts. Also retiring is HHHSF chairperson Peter Oyler, who has served on the board since 2003.

Oyler was initially at a loss for words. "But it's been a great 16 years ... plus," he said.

He joined the board as a liaison for the Township of Minden Hills council, which he served on for several terms.

"I think what has kept me going on the foundation board the last 16 years or so is the fact that this community and the board have been so dedicated to the cause and continue to be dedicated to the cause of supporting the foundation and the corporation providing top quality health care in this community. There's no doubt in my mind about that," he said.

Oyler thanked this board and past board members, current and past CAOs, executive directors such as Tompkins and past executive director Dale Walker, past and present staff such as Carol Simmons. To the community, he said, "Your constant giving has made the foundation and our health services what it is. To the corporation, to Carolyn, to your staff, particularly to all your front line workers Carolyn during this crazy, crazy year - a year in which we all want to take the opportunity to press the restart button - my personal

thanks to all that you've done." Oyler also thanked the news media in attendance.

Incoming chairperson Eric Recalla said Oyler provided "leadership and vision to a growing foundation. He led the foundation in raising over \$11 million to the present date. Peter has been timeless and tireless ... as a dedicated leader. It is impossible to truly count the hours he has volunteered over his 17 years as a great ambassador for the foundation and the community," he said.

Oyler deflected the credit for the \$11 million, saying it is owed to the community.

Among the achievements that Oyler has been at the helm of the foundation for include the raising of the \$6 million for the construction of the hospital and the palliative care centre.

"Peter, on behalf of the foundation, I want to thank you for your excellent leadership and wish you all the best in your future endeavours," Recalla said.

Recalla said Oyler's style of leadership includes collaboration.

"I have a very active committee board and I will be soliciting their input as much as possible," he said.

The past vice-chairperson has been on the board for five years and is proud about having been raised in the north end of Haliburton County. Although the 66-year-old left the county for work once he graduated high school, he always had property here in his family name.

As the incoming chairperson for HHHSF during a time of uncertainty with COVID-19, Recalla's message to the public was "Be optimistic. Be patient, and be caring for other people. Be careful of your surroundings. It's important we care for other people and care for ourselves and our family."

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Gendered impact of COVID-19

AS WE BRACE ourselves for a potential second wave of the coronavirus, with hundreds more positive tests coming back each day in Ontario than a month ago, we should be sure not to forget the demographic taking the hardest economic hit during the pandemic: women.

A report released by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce points out that unlike in other recessions, the effects of COVID-19-specific measures have had a greater impact on one gender than the other.

Figures released in *The She-Covery Project: Confronting the Gendered Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Ontario* show much greater job losses for women. Between February and March of this year, about 140,000 jobs were lost for women, with half that number lost for men. Women's job losses continued to outpace men's throughout the summer.

The report's authors found that one reason for this was that the economic downturn is affecting jobs more traditionally held by women: retail, food, accommodations, arts and recreation, and social services. Many of these workplaces shut down during the early days of the pandemic and have been restricted in how quickly they reopened, and to how broad a clientele.

Women also still bear more of the brunt of childcare responsi-

bilities in our society, and when daycares and schools were closed, found themselves needing to stay at home or reduce their hours to care for their children.

Women entrepreneurs are also more likely to be operating newer businesses with smaller operations, less well financed than those run by men, making their position in the economy especially precarious.

In our county, we can see how women are affected by this pandemic by surveying

the businesses that were closed the earliest and the longest, the ones that are only admitting a fraction of their previous customer base, or which have scaled back their hours.

The She-Covery report gives recommendations on how we as a society can better assist women through the

pandemic, advising that more women of diverse backgrounds need to be included in decision-making bodies involved in the province's economic recovery. Child care must also be made more accessible, available, and affordable – sooner than later. Other recommendations include training for women in male-dominated sectors, addressing barriers to women entrepreneurs, and encouraging government policies that allow for more flexibility in the workplace. All which will benefit not only women, but the wider economy and society as a whole.



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Editorial



Textured sky

by Darren Lum

A wave of grace

MY FRIENDS and I gathered on Friday, Sept. 11 for a campfire dinner party with a theme of carb loading, pasta, salads, soup and lots of great conversation. We gathered to support Sue Shikaze who was getting ready to run her fourth Boston Marathon. 2020 is the 124th year for the Boston Marathon and it attracts more than 30,000 people yearly.

Obviously because of COVID-19 it didn't run this year, and so many of the athletes chose to run it in their own community. Saturday morning we gathered again at 7:45 with Sue, and her husband Thom. We were all there to help with tasks like replicating the finish line and being at water/snack stations at kilometres 15, 20, and 30. Two friends were going to join her on their bikes for a few kilometres and one friend planned to run the last 17 km with her. Her brother would provide great music at every station. Some would take pictures to capture the stories. We all had a role to play.

At 7:55 we all stood with Sue, at her start line, and sang *O Canada* together. Proud Canadians we all are. There was something very special about singing together for Sue, for our country and for all the Boston athletes who were running the event some time this week. The day was a beautiful one and we watched Sue run her 42 km along the roads, up and down the hills and on the Rail Trail.

She had a goal and she worked every step of the way to meet it. Sue moves like a wave of grace. She is so strong, focused and dedicated. It was very inspiring to watch. So much effort had gone into the training and it was paying off. She had endurance to go the long haul. Every run is different for her and she has faced her share of challenges over the years, from cramping hamstrings or calf muscles to intense heat or pouring rain. She learns from all the challenges, digs deep into her-

self and carries on. She endures when it feels good and when it doesn't. Sue's support team had fun ringing bells and cheering her along, and we laughed a lot as we hung out together being a part of her experience. I think we all had tears in our eyes when she crossed the finish line with the time that she had expected. After a few photos were taken we headed back to her house where another friend had organized a wood fired pizza and cold beer celebration lunch for everyone.

When one of us succeeds we all feel the success and it was fun to sit and chat

about her experience and ours. I have to say we saw a lot of people on the Rail Trail during that section of the run. Bikers. ATVers. Hikers. It was a great day to be outside in the Highlands. It was a day we will all certainly remember. We felt as though we had participated in something really fun and special and I think we all left the event happy and connected to each other. As I reflect back on the experience, I am aware that we would never have gotten to

see her run a marathon, or support her to run, if it wasn't for COVID-19. Sue would perhaps never have done a marathon in her community, in her own familiar training route if it wasn't for this opportunity.

Our group of friends wouldn't have all the fun and inspiration if she hadn't done this. I found myself thinking that we all have to help and support each other all the time, and especially these days. We need to look after each other. We need to laugh together. COVID-19 is going to be a part of life for the next while. Like Sue we are all going to need to dig deep, have endurance to stay strong and focused and safe over the next months. We need to help each other and look after each other. We all have the possibility to be a wave of grace for our families, our community, our workplaces and ourselves.

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What the world needs now

LAST WEEK I was confronted by one of those unfortunate events that is sometimes foisted upon a middle-aged man. I had to be social.

I was walking my dog Rosie on the boardwalk in town when I crossed paths with a nice couple who were also walking their dog. So we did what all dog owners do. We stopped and began chatting about our dogs, their abilities and their breeds. This is because, as most dog owners know, the only person interested in hearing about your dog is someone waiting to tell you about theirs.

It turned out to be a pleasant chat and when we both finished bragging about our dogs, we said our goodbyes.

They said, "Goodbye."

I blurted out, "Goodbye, I love you."

Here's why. The only people I call these days are Jenn, my three kids, my grandson, my mother, my sister, my brother and my best friend. All of these people get a "Goodbye, I love you" at the end of the conversation. And my best friend and brother only get that because it makes them feel very uncomfortable.

The point is the "I love you" follows the "Goodbye" as a force of habit these days. It's pre-programmed in me. And I said it without thinking.

So, while these people were, in fact, patiently listening to my stories about Rosie's fantastic quartering ability, and excellent retrieving capabilities, I hadn't in fact fallen in love with them at all – though, under different circumstances, that would have been certainly good enough reason to.

Regardless, I said it. The damage had been done.

In a situation like this, you have to think quick. So I instantly weighed the two possibilities in my mind.

The first was they never heard it. The second was they did.

Even as I walked away briskly, it occurred to me that, if they actually heard me say something, even this could have also gone two ways. For instance, my words might have sounded garbled since I had already turned away when I uttered them. In my mind, they might have heard something like "Goodbye, toodaloo!" Which though weird was not entirely troublesome.

The second possibility was the one I feared. It assumed they did hear my words – and very clearly.

That's the one I didn't want to think about.

For, if they had heard me clearly, the next time I saw them, I was going to have to break their hearts by explaining that I didn't really mean it. And how do you do that when people are buying you a fancy dinner and giving you flowers?

So I hoped beyond all hope that this couple's relationship was strong enough to weather the great loss I was about to inflict upon them. And I wished that whatever we had during that fateful two-minute conversation would always bring a smile to their faces.

"Think of us as ships that passed in the night," I whispered when I was 20 or so yards away.

The only saving grace to all this was I don't think they were from around here, so Haliburton County tourism department, you're welcome.

Even better than that, we promptly went our separate ways and, as embarrassing as it was, I thought, "At least I'll never see them again."

Then I turned around at the end of the boardwalk and headed back. And next thing you know, there they were walking directly towards me down the same path.

Talk about awkward.

When we met again, we both nodded a little timidly at each other and then I did what I should have done all along.

I looked them straight in the eyes and said, "Goodbye, toodaloo."



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pic of the past

Haliburton town dock: early 1900s. In 2020, Doreen Rae saw 14 boats go in on one day. She's been living across from the dock for 60 years. A big change! Do you have a pic of the past you'd like to share? Send it to jenn@haliburtonpress.com or bring it to 146 Highland Street in Haliburton.

letters to the editor

All you need is love

To the Editor,

Re: "Potential hate crime downtown targets Pride flags," Haliburton Echo, Sept. 15, 2020

It seems inconceivable to me that in this day and age there are still people who decide to hate for absolutely no reason. We live in a beautiful, kind and giving community yet there are those among us who would choose to desecrate another's property because they fear the personal characteristics that are in the DNA of the business owner. There is a lot going on for all of us right now, but that gives no one the right to take their own fears out on those who are different – because each of us is different in our own way.

And then there are those who take steps in order to be offended, such as the woman who is seriously affronted by the Pride flags displayed by this same business. May I offer to her this bizarre advice: instead of turning your head to the right in order to be offended, keep your eyes on the road, as has been recommended by those in the know, and much appreciated by other road users and jaywalking pedestrians.

In closing, words of wisdom from half a century ago: All you need is love; Be who you are, my friend; Everybody come together, try to love one another right now.

Anne-Marie Borthwick
Haliburton

Lions form childhood cancer committee

To the Editor,

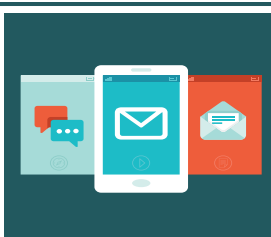
The Haliburton and District Lions have formed a Childhood Cancer Committee dedicated to local action. We are doing this in response to the call of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the charitable arm of Lions Club International (LCI) which is dedicated to humanitarian projects in local communities as well as for projects that have global impact. LCIF has begun working with the Childhood Cancer Initiative to explore new ways in which Lions can help children in their communities.

Raising funds in support of childhood cancer is not new to the Haliburton Lions. Each year part of the monies raised through our Polar Bear Challenge (Dip) is given to the Hospital for Sick Chil-

dren Garron Family Cancer Centre. Our donation in 2019 was \$13,222. The total for the eight years we have hosted the event is \$54,186.

It is my honour to be the chair of Haliburton & District Lions Childhood Cancer Committee and work with my fellow Lions on this wonderful "Pillar of Service." Making a difference in our local community; helping others; helping families and children with cancer is dear to all our hearts. If you are a family for whom childhood cancer is your reality, please contact me (gatesstelter@gmail.com, 705-455-2772). There are many possible avenues of how we can be of help. We are here to serve.

Lion Gail Stelter



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Our friend, Dan Linkert

Wilberforce is reeling from the loss of Dan Linkert who died on Sept. 11 in a horrendous traffic accident at the intersection of Loop Rd. and S. Wilberforce Rd. I think this gentle, helpful man would have been quite surprised at the impact this news has had on our community.

He influenced my life in several significant ways.

If you have enjoyed the operating model railroad layouts at the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair or the children's Christmas party, Dan Linkert was there along with my late husband, Doug. They were great train buddies, talking trains, buying, selling and planning for shows with their trains. Dan was kind enough to put together a working layout for Doug's Celebration of Life in the Lloyd Watson Centre last November. I have a mental picture of the members of the Lionel Collectors Club gathered around that table with Dan in charge.

Dan was always an essential part of The Loop Troupe Little Theatre here in Wilberforce.

He hung lights from the high ceiling and managed the sound system for our plays. Best of all, he liked to be on stage and creating costumes for his characters. He could learn lines, his own and others', faster than anyone else in the cast. "Gory" suited him just fine! Together we devised a way for him to hang on the back of a door with a hatchet buried in his chest, using glue and lots of stage

blood. What a laugh we had with that one and many more over the years.

In 2013, we were pleased to be having a new library built here in Wilberforce. Of course this involved plenty of fundraising. A group of us gathered and decided to call ourselves "The Library Launchers." Dan volunteered to be our chair. He did such a good job in this leadership role as we ran sales, put on theatre nights, had an auction and printed up souvenir pens and buttons. \$40,000 was raised toward furnishings for our lovely little library which opened in June 2014. Dan's name is on the wall plaque.

Much of August found Dan riding my husband's bike up and down Haliburton hills in the Great Cycle Challenge to raise money for kids' cancer in Doug's memory. This charity was a favourite for both of them. He rode 502 km and raised \$3,480 for the cause, well over his goal of \$2,500.

Our sympathy goes out to Dan's elderly mother, Eva, and the rest of his family. Hopefully, we will be able to gather for a celebration of this friend's life in the spring of 2021, to share many more stories of how Danny Linkert was such an integral part of this community.

Gill Stephen - Wilberforce



Dan Linkert performs in the Loop Troupe's production of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* at an event in 2014 to benefit the new Wilberforce library. Linkert not only acted in the play, but was also an organizer, building the lighthouse seen in this photo. Linkert died on Sept. 11. /File photo by Darren Lum

Haliburton County residents invited to join in global climate action

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Around the world, concerned advocates for environmental awareness will join together to mark the Global Day of Climate Action on Sept. 25, and a planned climate action protest in solidarity in Haliburton County is anticipated to go forward with organizers working to gather safely under new provincial guidelines restricting social gatherings.

Environment Haliburton and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County are co-hosting the Haliburton Highlands Climate Action Day event, welcoming individuals and groups to join from noon to 1 p.m. on Sept. 25 in front of the train beside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for the second annual event held locally.

Organizers say they continue to plan for a safe in-person demonstration despite the provincial government's announcement Sept. 19 of a roll-back on permitted group sizes, which reduces limits on the number of people permitted to attend unmonitored and private social gatherings.

Bonnie Roe of Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County said organizers are working on a plan

of how to gather "safely and within the confines of the law and the new regulations issued by the Ford government," with the organizing team getting in touch with OPP as well as the County of Haliburton, which owns the property in front of the train. "Safety for our community is paramount," said Roe.

"Bottom line, we do plan to have an in-person demonstration... safely and legally... we'll adjust as we need to," said Carolyn Coburn, a director with Environment Haliburton.

The Global Day of Climate Action is a youth-led initiative by global climate school strike movement Fridays for Future, which initially began with the action of Swedish student Greta Thunberg, who was 15 when she began protesting what she felt was a lack of action by government on the climate crisis. Though alone at first, she was soon joined by others in her local area, which sparked a movement that went global, with Thunberg since being nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, and speaking at climate rallies at the United Nations and the World Economic Forum. The #FridaysForFuture movement, according to the group's website, demands moral pressure be put on policymakers to insist they listen to scientists and take forceful action to limit global warming. The global climate action day on Sept. 25 is the group's first global action day of the year, a press release on the Fri-

days for Future site noting that activists have had to find "new ways of protest" to demand climate action.

"Due to the current circumstances actions may vary from normal, because in times of crisis we change our behaviour," reads the press release.

In Haliburton County, the first Global Day of Climate Action was initiated by then-Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Jurgen Shantz, who protested every Friday for five weeks last year in front of the Dysart municipal office, noting he was inspired by Thunberg. He was joined by others that included students and adults, including members of the CCHC, EH, the Outloud Womyn's Voices choir and members of the home-schooling community. The Global Day of Climate Action last September was also held in front of the train, with dozens of participants attending.

"It's alarming that we've sort of let climate change issues be overwhelmed by the pandemic issues," said Coburn. "I mean, it's not totally surprising, but the climate change problem continues. It hasn't gone away."

Coburn cites catastrophic weather events – increased hurricanes, west coast wildfires, burning in the Amazon – as being prevalent in current world news updates.

"There's evidence of stronger and more frequent extreme weather events all over," said Coburn. "And it's difficult right here because everything looks normal so it's more of a challenge to talk people into paying attention because things are pretty good here. Even in terms of the pandemic, we've been so fortunate that there have been few cases."

According to the Fridays for Future declaration, the activists ask that the global temperature rise less than 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels; that climate justice and equity is ensured; and that policymakers listen to the best united science currently available.

Even prior to the provincial guidelines of smaller crowd sizes, Coburn said the group would be observing COVID-19 practices, wearing masks, keeping two metres apart.

In the evening, Environment Haliburton is holding a virtual "No Planet B" webinar event for people to tune into from home that will include a short informative video, and panel discussion, a presentation showing how climate change is affecting the region, a report on what local government is doing and a report from Climate Action Muskoka, which is working on a Declaration of Climate Emergency Resolution. Those wishing to attend the webinar need to register in advance. A registration link is available on the Environment Haliburton website.

More than 2,400 strikes are registered to take place around the world, according to the Fridays for Future website, with 135 of those events taking place in Canada.

For updates and further information, visit environmenthaliburton.org or follow Environment Haliburton on Facebook.

For further information on how to participate virtually, visit: <https://fridaysforfuture.org/take-action/how-to-strike/> for alternatives to physical strikes.

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Strong early interest in Gardens of Haliburton suites

JENN WATT

Editor

Within a month of opening the Gardens of Haliburton sales office, about one-third of the new retirement residence's 70 units were reserved for the building's opening in the spring of 2021.

Offering a range of services and accommodations for seniors, the Gardens is designed to fill a previously unmet need in the community.

"This is an option for seniors that Haliburton didn't have before," said Phil McKenzie, company partner, seated at the table at the sales office in Haliburton's Village Barn on Highland Street. "Certainly there are condos and apartments and obviously residential homes and cottages [locally] and ... if there came a point where that situation wasn't working for you anymore and you needed some assistance, then you had home-care to a certain level, but beyond that, there was this big jump to long-term care."

For those who may be finding their home too much to care for, or for those who need additional help, McKenzie said that's where the Gardens could be a good fit.

"People are looking at where they are now and saying, 'this just doesn't work anymore,'" he said, giving the example of someone who retired at 65 and years later, finds yard work and home maintenance to be too much.

Gardens of Haliburton, which is the development under construction on Sunnyside Street near Maple Avenue in Haliburton Village, offers units starting at about \$3,000 a month. That amount covers rent on the one-bedroom suite, three meals a day plus snacks, 24-hour emergency response, activities, housekeeping, laundry. Depending on the suite chosen, the monthly cost goes up to about \$5,200.

Service plans can include assisted living components such as medication administration, assistance with bath/shower, etc. depending on what is needed.

To date, about 80 per cent of those who have reserved a suite are from Haliburton County, said Patti Lou Robinson, director of community relations.

"And then the other 20 per cent, I'd say are people from out of town that their [adult] children live here," she said. "... Some people are coming from ... a residence elsewhere in another community, but now that this is available to them in Haliburton, their kids want them to be here."

That goes for Robinson herself, whose mother will be living in one of the units when the Gardens opens this spring. Robinson, whose parents are Gary Vasey and Jeanne Egan (nee Windover), was born in the area, cottaged in the Highlands throughout her life, and returned to raise her children here.

"She feels like she's coming home,



Patti Lou Robinson, director of community relations for the Gardens of Haliburton, with her mom, Jeanne Egan, who has reserved a unit in the new retirement residence under construction in Haliburton. /Photo courtesy of Patti Lou Robinson

which is really nice," Robinson said of her mother. "She was born and raised here."

A floor plan of the Gardens of Haliburton shows a large dining room on the main floor, private spaces that residents can book for special gatherings, a coffee bar, fitness room, movie theatre, medical clinic that various specialists can use, and outdoor deck facing Head Lake.

McKenzie said from his experience working on similar buildings, the residents create a community together, sharing their experiences and making it their own.

From her conversations with those who have reserved suites, Robinson said they are already looking forward to the Gardens' new residents.

One new resident has been teaching Tai Chi for 20 years and Robinson said she's asked her if she would share her skills with other residents. "Many residents will have their own skills to share and build camaraderie with fellow residents with the help of an activities director," she said via email.

McKenzie, who has been in the industry for 30 years, said he enjoys his work because of the people he gets to interact with – staff and residents alike.

"These places really take on the personality of who you have living there and running it. And I'm [excited] about the people who already reached out to us and said 'I'm very interested in this position, please consider me for the job,'" he said. About 50 staff will be needed in the various positions at the Gardens of Haliburton.

More information can be found at gardensofhaliburton.ca or by contacting Robinson at 705-457-4848, or by email at pattilou@gardensofhaliburton.ca.

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Economic impacts of pandemic disproportionately affect women: report

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Staff Reporter

The negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately affect women, according to a new report from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

The She-Covary Project: Confronting the Gendered Economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Ontario makes a series of recommendations to the provincial and federal governments to help address this gap.

"The economic impacts of the pandemic were direct and immediate for women in Ontario," Andrea Strano, president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, said in a release. "Shutdowns during the emergency most severely affected the women in our community and across the province."

The report highlights four reasons why the negative economic consequences of the pandemic have been more acutely felt by women.

"First, temporary business shutdowns and layoffs during the state of emergency most severely affected occupations and sectors that predominantly employ women," it reads. "Second, these sectors are those in which women entrepreneurs are more likely to operate, and their businesses tend to be newer, smaller, and less well-financed than those owned by men. Third, restrictions on schools and paid child care facilities have shifted additional hours of unpaid family care onto parents, and this work has largely been taken up by mothers. Fourth, while women are dominating the frontline responses to the COVID pandemic, they have not been included in the planning for recovery."

The COVID-19 pandemic hit Ontario in mid-March. A graph contained in the report shows that between February and the end of March, while approximately

70,000 men in Ontario had lost their jobs, that figure was about double for women, with approximately 140,000 jobs lost. Job loss figures were the worst in May, with approximately 250,000 job losses for men and 300,000 for women. As of the end of the August, the figures were about 60,000 job losses for men since February, and approximately 160,000 for women.

"A primary reason for this job loss disparity is that the occupations and sectors in which women are more likely to be employed were among those most impacted by emergency orders (including retail, food and accommodations, arts and recreation, social services, and other service industries that involve face-to-face contact). This differs notably from the 2008 financial crisis, during which job losses were more pronounced in male-dominated sectors such as manufacturing and construction, and during which only 18 per cent of jobs lost in Canada were held by women."

Moreover, the report indicates that racialized women have been the most affected by job losses.

"The impact has been more acute for women from minority backgrounds. COVID-19-related job losses have been highest among racialized women, particularly Asian and Black women, as well as younger and lower-income women," it reads. "Single mothers, Indigenous women, immigrant women, women with disabilities, rural women, transgender-identifying women, and other intersectional groups tend to also be experiencing greater financial consequences than most Ontarians."

A summary of recommendations divides those recommendations into five areas: leadership and accountability; child care; workforce development; entrepreneurship; and flexibility.

Under leadership and accountability, recommendations include that the provincial government launch a campaign that targets women's economic recovery, and that both levels of government use procurement to incentivize diversity and inclusion. This latter recommendation includes introducing a diversity component to the procurement process, setting targets and tracking them over time, and encouraging governments and corporations to incorporate women and diverse entrepreneurs into their supply chains. Another recommendation is to include women in all decision-making bodies associated with economic recovery from the crisis.

"Progress on gender equity starts with a commitment at the top," the report reads. "In the coming weeks and months, governments and employers will continue to duly convene a series of task forces, committees, and advisory groups focused on strategizing about Ontario's economic recovery. Each of these decision-making bodies should both contain women and recognize the economic and social importance of advancing women's workforce participation in the post-pandemic era."

On child care, the report recommends the provincial and federal governments prepare for a second wave of the virus. This includes developing a plan to rapidly

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— Andrea Strano
President, Haliburton Highlands
Chamber of Commerce

increase spacing and staff to accommodate physical distancing, earmarking funding for second-wave scenario and enhancing resources for parents to help their children with remote learning.

Other recommendations around child care include improving its affordability and accessibility, addressing a shortage of early childhood educators, and exploring other solutions such as workplace-based child care.

"Another critical dimension to the crisis is child care," the report reads. "The closure of schools and daycare centres left parents with no choice but to assume child care and homeschooling responsibilities themselves, particularly as physical distancing guidelines limited their ability to rely on extended families. In Ontario, only five percent of families used child care services from March to June. Many families also assumed care of the elderly as they removed loved ones from long-term care facilities."

On workplace development, the report contains a number of recommendations aimed at skills training for women, and increasing representation in the skilled trades, engineering, technology and other traditionally male-dominated sectors. On entrepreneurship, the report recommends both levels of government foster an inclusive environment for women and diverse business owners by addressing barriers and supporting women-led businesses with financing, legal advice, financial literacy, digital literacy, and access to mentorship programs and networking opportunities.

On flexible work, the report recommends both levels of government consider policy options that encourage more employers to offer flexible work arrangements for employees.

"Flexible work should be championed as a solution that benefits the workforce at large, not just women," the report reads. "These practices have been shown to improve companies' innovation outcomes while reducing turnover intention among employees. Governments and communities also benefit from reduced congestion and pressure on transportation infrastructure."

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FIRSTLY

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Part of Lots 24 and 25, Designated as Road Allowance on Registered Plan No. 409, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD.**, dated **November 14, 2019**.

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The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

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DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 15th day of September, 2020.

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Cedar Lake Cottage Association hosts septic inspection workshop

NATE SMELLE

Special to the Echo

Members of the local cottaging community gathered at Cedar Lake Cottage Association president Ron Parkinson's waterfront property on Cedar Lake Saturday, Sept. 5 for a septic system inspection demonstration. Parkinson said they decided to host the presentation to provide cottagers with accurate information regarding the Level-4 inspection process, and how to ensure their septic system is functioning properly.

The demonstration was provided by Michael Rahme of HomePro Inspections in Haliburton. According to Rahme, a septic inspection entails the close examination of all accessible components of the waste water system. While a Level-1 inspection can provide valuable information regarding how a system is functioning, he said the best way to confirm whether a system is operating correctly is to pump it out. By emptying the tank, Rahme said the inspector is able to verify the integrity, composition, and capacity of the tank to ensure it is adequate for the size of the home it is intended to serve.

Although the best time to pump out a system is when the volume of the tank is one-third full of solids, Rahme said the timing is subjective, determined by the property owner's level of use. Despite this subjectivity, he said on average it is usually safe for property owners to pump out their system every three to four years.

Giving the group insight into what the composition of a properly functioning septic system looks like, Rahme said the best analogy he could use to describe the contents was as a "big brownie."

"It's kind of a weird analogy using food and waste, but it's just a big, thick mass like that."

To understand how a septic system works, Rahme said one needs to understand what a properly functioning system looks like. Describing the composition further, he explained how the composition of a tank consists of three parts: solids at the bottom; liquid in the middle; and, the FOG (fats, oils, and grease) at the top.

During the inspection, Rahme said the inspector will also measure all the pertinent set-backs to make sure the system is located far enough away from any structures, wells, lakes, rivers, ponds, springs, etc. Acknowledging the importance of a well-functioning septic system in terms of maintaining water quality, he stressed the importance of establishing a vegetative buffer zone of at least 15-metres between the septic system and a body of water.

With more than 20 years of experience conducting home and septic system inspections, Rahme said he has learned to "never underestimate the creativity of the cottage owner," when it comes to the maintenance of septic systems. For example, he told the group how he has seen people add everything from yeast to roadkill to their septic tank, thinking that they were helping their system function properly.

As a rule of thumb, Rahme said home and cottage owners should only put substances in their tank that have passed through them. That said, because some medications are designed to kill bacteria, he said these medications can wreak havoc on a system. While there are many additives on the market to assist with establishing a healthy balance within one's septic system, he said the only product he would recommend is an additive called EcoEthic. Speaking from his own experience and observations, Rahme said most additives do more harm than good.



Cedar Lake Cottage Association president Ron Parkinson speaks to those assembled for a workshop on septic systems, which also featured a talk by Michael Rahme of HomePro Inspections. /NATE SMELLE Special to the Echo

Throughout his career, Rahme said there has been a significant change in the materials being used in the construction of septic systems. Recognizing that a great deal of system failure takes place in the piping used within a system, he said the evolution of septic systems has occurred in the materials being used for pipes. For instance, Rahme said in the 1950s it was common to see clay tiles used; whereas in the 1960s the industry standard was a product made of tightly wound tar paper called corrode-free pipe. In the 1970s, he said the industry made the biggest transition to the PVC and ABS piping that is commonly used today.

Rahme explained that there can be many reasons why a septic system fails, however one of the most common causes of system failure is a "change of use." This occurs, he said, because over time the system and the ecosystem in which it is located develop what he describes as a "memory."

"These septic systems develop a memory," explained Rahme.

"They get really comfortable accepting 'X' amount of fluid over an 'X' amount of time."

Explaining this memory in greater detail, Rahme provided a hypothetical scenario in which two senior citizens sharing a cottage develop a pattern of usage throughout the year that is maintained over a long period of time. He then pointed out how a system would be more likely to fail if the couple sold the property to a young family that has a heavier pattern of usage.

In order to properly maintain a septic system, Rahme

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These septic systems develop a memory.

— Michael Rahme

said property owners need to look out for signs that their system might be failing. He said some of the signs of system failure people need to look out for include a lingering odour of sewage; depressions in the ground in and around the septic bed; or, excessive vegetative growth patterns where the tiles are located.

Acknowledging that any irregularities in the vicinity of the septic system can mean that the system is failing, Rahme said the best way to ensure it is working correctly is to be diligent with proper maintenance. He advises anyone with concerns regarding their septic system to contact him by email at homeproco@2gmail.com; or by phone at: 1-800-832-0519, or 705-455-9055. For more information visit HomePro online at: www.homeproinspections.ca.



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Return to the gardens

Home-school students Vega Cohrs, left, and Violet Humphries play together in the Enchanted Forest, taking a break from programming. /DARREN LUM Staff



Framed by the opening of a repurposed culvert, a home-school student runs in the Enchanted Forest during a break from autumn programming led by educator Irene Heaven on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Due to pandemic restrictions, the home-schoolers did not have a spring session this past year and returned to the Enchanted Forest in Abbey Gardens near West Guilford for the first time since it was vandalized. Improvements have been made since that time thanks to donations.

Health unit assists congregate settings with COVID-19 protocol

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The COVID-19 pandemic brought to the health unit's attention areas in which they needed to develop new or enhance existing relationships with in order to help protect vulnerable groups during the pandemic, including congregate settings like group homes, farms with temporary foreign workers, child care centres and residential and day camps.

Health promoters with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Lisa Kaldeway and Sue Shikaze began in April to engage with these settings, and Kaldeway reported on that experience to the board of health meeting on Sept. 17.

"What we find in all of our health promotion work is that investing some time upfront, in building positive relationships with partners leads to a better understanding on their part of why the issue – in this case COVID-19 protocol – is important and that can increase uptake of the preventative actions public health is promoting or requiring of them," said Kaldeway.

She said while some of the settings were occasionally or regularly inspected by public health inspectors, others were not, so hadn't had much contact with the health unit previously, which presented an opportunity for public health.

"These settings experience rapid changes due to COVID-19 and many work with vulnerable populations, particularly related to this pandemic, so this provided an opportunity for us to develop new or enhanced existing relationships, and provide support in new ways to help these settings navigate change, including interpretation of regulations and guidelines – we found the guidance documents provided some direction but they cannot cover every situation, so the operators had many questions specific to their settings and clients," Kaldeway reported.

Kaldeway and Shikaze, alongside colleagues, provided support in the development of COVID-19 policies and procedures for the organizations, and also in consideration for the secondary impacts of COVID-19 precautions in some settings, for example, she said, mental health impacts on residents who were too young or did not have the cognitive ability to understand physical distancing measures in place between their staff and them, or missing visits with their family during the lockdown.

"Sometimes we were able to troubleshoot alternatives, and sometimes we were just there to empathize and bring this information back to our provincial contacts and networks."

Outcomes Kaldeway said they were looking for included positive working relationships, increasing an opportunity to work with the organization, better understanding of the regulations, and positive health outcomes for clients.

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In the HKPR region, there are 47 group homes operated by 10 agencies with the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Health involved. Group homes serve vulnerable groups such as people with physical and developmental disabilities, people with addictions and mental health issues and youth who have experienced trauma. Most homes accommodate 10 or fewer residents. Additionally, there are six shelters in the region, which were contacted through an ongoing relationship with a social determinants of health nurse.

"When we first reached out to group home agencies, the initial reaction we heard was 'thank you,'" said Kaldeway. "They were very overwhelmed with changes and guidance they needed to roll out across multiple homes, and were very relieved to hear from public health and be offered one point of contact."

Kaldeway said some of the work they did with agencies focused on infection prevention and control practices, plans for managing ill staff and residents, personal protective equipment use, and staffing plans, as well as arranging for optional sentinel testing with homes, in partnership with local assessment centres and paramedicine programs, which had good uptake.

"As the response evolves and communities have been reopening there have been many questions from group homes, as they try to balance protecting the people they support with allowing for activities that will help their residents' wellbeing, such as visits and outings with families and friends."

In the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge region there are 23 farm operations, some with multiple sites, mainly in the Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County, that hire more than 200 temporary foreign workers arriving between March and September this year. The numbers range from a farm with one temporary foreign worker to one with 60, with most having smaller numbers.

A few farms, according to the report, have received or plan to receive transfer workers from other farms in Ontario, while 16 farms also use approximately 87 local workers on site, who don't necessarily live on the farm. This year, many farmers opted not to accept transfer workers due to concerns with outbreaks at larger farms in southern Ontario.

From April to August, public health inspectors inspected housing for COVID-19 considerations, and health promoters started contacting farms beginning June 1 to confirm temporary foreign worker numbers and arrival dates and to offer support. The health unit also called farms with migrant workers in quarantine twice during the 14-day period, completing a short survey to verify practices, provided support with the Section 22 order, and coordinated to offer optional on-site

testing for newly arrived workers.

Child care centres in the region were closed due to the pandemic beginning in March, with a gradual reopening allowed on June 12, with many protocols required, and a full-capacity opening on Sept. 1. Many centres opened later than June and some are still not open, according to Kaldeway.

In total there are 86 child care facilities in the area, which include licensed child care centres, licensed home daycares and before and after school care. Many are multiple sites run by one agency or operator.

The health unit reviewed and provided feedback on COVID-19 policies and procedures for child care centres prior to reopening, offering guidance to centres on changes to policy as the response evolved. Kaldeway said she and Shikaze reviewed what she said were "extremely comprehensive" plans laying out plans for screening, cohorting, facility cleaning and disinfecting, physical distancing and management of symptomatic children and staff.

"As we saw trends of calls and emails bombarding our call centre and inspectors and ourselves, we worked on refining guidance for the centres, on management of symptomatic children," said Kaldeway. "Each time the provincial guidance was updated over the summer we would see an increase of questions coming in."

Recreational overnight camps were deemed not permitted to open by the provincial government, but the health unit is aware of eleven day camps that operated this summer.

The health unit was in touch with all recreational camps and day camp providers, providing guidance as to what was permitted and reviewing ministry guidance to ensure the day camps had plans in place to address procedures such as screening processes and isolation plans for symptomatic children.

"Some of our key lessons learned from being involved with [all of] these settings was that they really needed our help and support," said Kaldeway. "Legislation, regulations, guidelines only go so far, and people need specific help for their setting and what they do in scenario A, B and C. So we found that using a health promotion approach that was supportive and solution-orientated helped them feel more confident, helped them in effectively applying the requirements and made them feel like they could move forward, they could face an outbreak and they could contact public health with any questions no matter how small."

While a steep learning curve required Kaldeway and Shikaze to be up-to-date on new guidance as it was released, prior to calls coming in, Kaldeway said the work was satisfying professionally, and also personally beneficial.

"It has been incredibly rewarding to help these settings navigate the pandemic and feel like their first call when they have an issue or they need support," she said.



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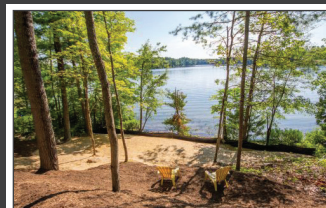


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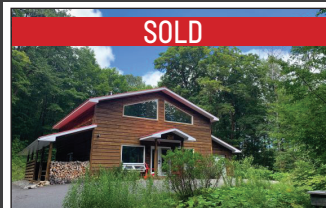
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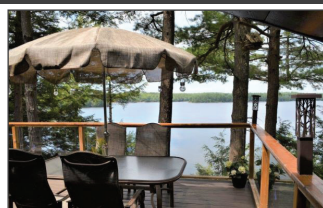
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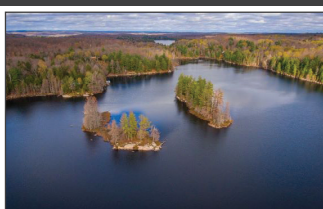


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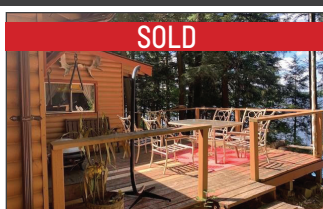


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War Boy

MARTIN HOFLAND

Special to the Echo

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, over the course of eight weeks, the Echo is publishing Haliburton resident Martin Hofland's first-person

account of living through the war as a child in Holland, originally published in his book, War Boy. This is the first instalment.

Foreword

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Canadian soldiers who gave their lives

for my freedom. For too many, there was no tomorrow! During the Second World War, they fought and rescued me, and I fought with them, in my own way, without a uniform, under the heel of Nazi Germany's brutality. It was a time of hunger. It was a time of suffering and danger. It was "The Holocaust of Hunger." This is the true story of Martin Hofland (Maarten Hofland C.W.)

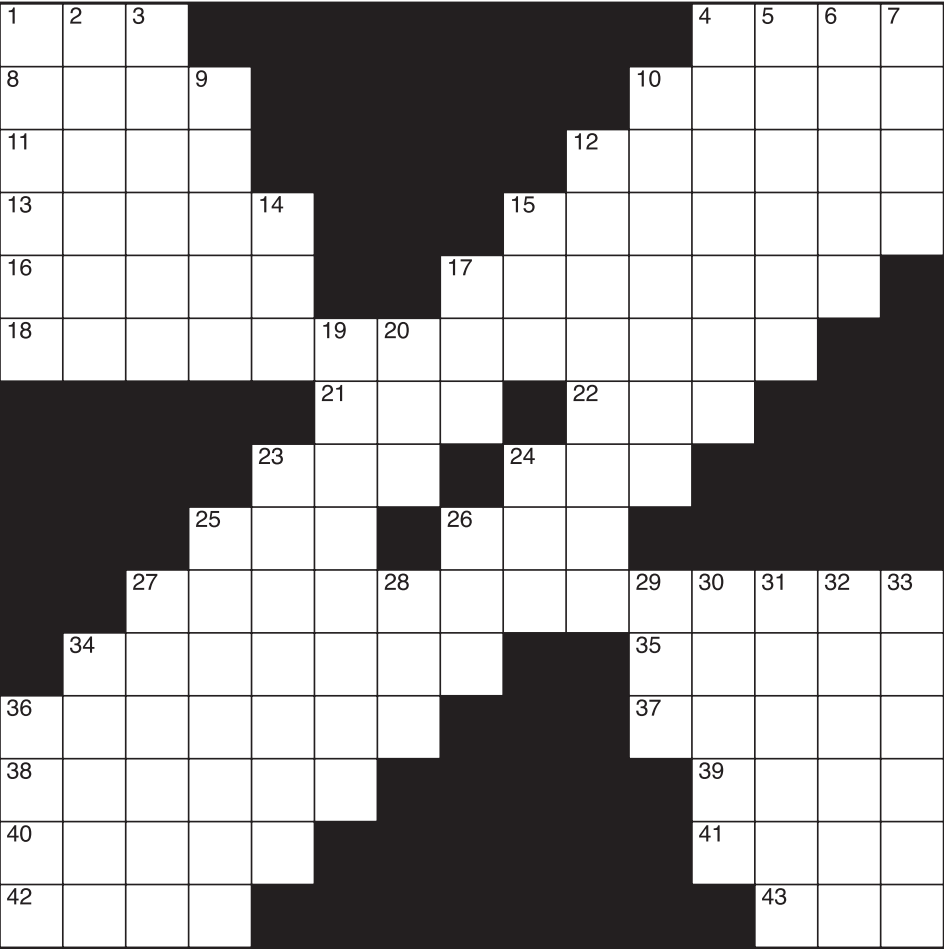
ships out there." Again I insisted "Look over there!" He responded with a "yea yea," and continued to walk along the dunes. The vision that I had that day was very real, and has never left me. I can still see it. It was like a warning. There was a war coming. Yes, there were rumours of war, but Holland was neutral, and we thought that we would be spared from it. Then 1940 came. I can still hear the voice of Adolf Hitler when he gave those fanatical speeches, and the responses of Sir Winston Churchill over the radio.

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- 1. Engine additive
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- 13. Central parts of church buildings
- 15. Trust
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Deep-bodied fish
- 18. Live up to expectations
- 21. Snag
- 22. Partner to haw
- 23. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 24. Sheep disease
- 25. Male term of endearment
- 26. United
- 27. Popular TV host
- 34. Overnighters
- 35. Beloved British princess
- 36. Obtains from
- 37. Third Mughal Emperor
- 38. Shares the opinion of
- 39. Central European river
- 40. Feudal estates
- 41. KU hoops coach Bill
- 42. Spreads out for drying
- 43. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Picturesque
- 2. South Pacific island country
- 3. Shrub of the olive family
- 4. Establish the truth of
- 5. Unfettered
- 6. Originations
- 7. Famed English park
- 9. Sheep's cry
- 10. Danced
- 12. More upstanding
- 14. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
- 15. Type of lettuce
- 17. Place to call a pint
- 19. Backs
- 20. Partner to cheese
- 23. Makes it there
- 24. Value
- 25. One's convictions
- 26. Former CIA
- 27. Clashed
- 28. Affirmative
- 29. Journalist Tarbell
- 30. Athletic shoes
- 31. Roof style
- 32. Make possible
- 33. Make less dense
- 34. Healthy food
- 36. Silly

The Depression arrives in Holland

I was born in 1933, the same year that Hitler took power in Germany. It was a poor start for me, being born two months early, and weighing only one pound and 11 grams. I was born at home, and a nurse took care of me. For the first six weeks I was too weak to take my mother's food, so they fed me a solution of sugar in luke-warm water. With the help of a strong heart and an enduring will to live, I managed to survive. My grandmother said that I had a guardian angel. I think she was right! My hometown was a fishing village called Scheveningen in the dunes of Holland, on the coast of the North Sea. From our home, we could hear the ocean waves pounding the shore, and during storms our blankets were often damp from the salt water mist. It was Depression time in Europe and this turned into World War Two. There was very little work, and the soup lines were getting longer by the day. The closer we came to 1939, the more difficult it became for the families. With low income we had to be careful with everything, gas, water, electricity, and even food, and the war hadn't even started yet. We made our own toys from wood that we found on the beach, and we carved it into boats, or other toys. We often played soldiers, like cowboys and Indians with sticks and stones. Sometimes we would throw horse manure at each other to win a battle. But being smaller than the others, I always lost.

Vision

In 1939, before the war started, my father and I were on top of the dunes during a Sunday morning walk. I looked over the North Sea and saw that it was full of warships. So many ships, large and small. What I saw was very clear to me. I tugged on my father's arm and I said look at all the ships. My father did not react, and I said it again. He replied "there are no war

The German attack

Hitler never lived by the rules of war. Without a declaration of war, his army just attacked and marched into Holland on May 10, 1940. The sounds of German airplanes woke me up at 2 a.m. The sky was full of them. I woke my parents and told them what I had heard and seen. Father looked out the window and yelled "The war is here!" Hitler had introduced himself by ambushing Holland. The bombs started to fall, and the Dutch army shot down many German airplanes. The time for playing soldier was over. This was the new reality. No horse manure play. I was seven years old, and my eyes were wide open!

The bombing of Rotterdam

The Dutch army was fighting hard against an overwhelming German force. The German army was the most powerful army in the world at that time. The Dutch refused to surrender so Hitler threatened to bomb Rotterdam. Again the Dutch did not give in to his demands, and on May 14, 1940, Hitler gave the order. Ninety heavy bombers released 96 tons of bombs above Rotterdam in two hours. The old city was levelled to the ground. The destruction was devastating. Twenty-five thousand homes were destroyed along with 71 schools, five hospitals, 20 churches, and 2,500 stores. More than 900 people were killed and thousands more were wounded. I could hear the bombardment from our home, 28 km away. We could see the red flares and burning ash clouds billowing into the sky. A large part of the city of The Hague was also levelled, and when the Germans threatened to do the same to Utrecht, the Dutch army stopped fighting.

See next week's Echo for part two.



I sat in this shelter many times. /Photo submitted by Martin Hofland

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Governor general Lord Willingdon visits Haliburton, 1930

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the visit of Lord Willingdon, governor general of Canada, to Haliburton

STEVE HILL
Haliburton Highlands Museum

Whenever an important dignitary or celebrity visits a small town, there is an air of excitement and anticipation. Initially there may be feelings of surprise, mixed with disbelief. If the visit is totally unexpected the citizens no doubt may wonder why their town was chosen and why they should be so honoured. Nonetheless there is always a grateful acceptance of the honour.

Haliburton Village experienced such an event back in the year 1930 when on Oct. 3, they were visited by the Governor General of Canada, Lord Willingdon (1866-1941). As governor general, Willingdon was the Crown's representative in the Dominion of Canada, serving in this capacity from 1926 to 1931. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman who carried out the duties of his office with dedication and a kindly respect and affection for his subjects.

Regrettably, there are no living Haliburton residents who were part of that memorable day. Details concerning the reason for Willingdon's visit to Haliburton Village are thus uncertain, but it is suspected that it was part of a goodwill program. The Great Depression of the 1930s was underway, the economy was failing, and the worst was yet to come. Perhaps this visit was part of an itinerary of courtesy calls intended to convey a sense of reassurance and boost morale in selected isolated districts as the economy deteriorated. It was important that rural Canadians not feel ignored by the governing powers in Ottawa in the face of upcoming hard times.

Other than isolated incidental comments, the only account of Lord Willingdon's visit at hand is a brief synopsis by Ron Curry in his book *Haliburton 100 Years*, published by the Rotary Club of Haliburton in 1975. According to Curry, he states:

1930 – Lord Willingdon, Governor-General of Canada, visits Haliburton. He arrived by special train and a parade of school children led by the Haliburton Citizens Band, proceeded to Recreation Grounds where a reception was held.

(The recreation grounds, also known as the fairgrounds, were the site of the present-day arena/skateboard park/parking lot.)

Upon arrival at the Haliburton railway station, Lord Willingdon was likely greeted by prominent local officials; a word of welcome most certainly would have been expressed on behalf of the community by the reeve of that time, W.R. Curry. Entertainments – and no doubt many welcoming speeches – were planned and carried out in the fairgrounds for the enjoyment of the governor general and the crowds who gathered to see him. The local school children contributed to the day's program, enjoying a day off from school (Yes!) as they participated in activities which appear to have been well-rehearsed marching and drilling exercises. The honourable Willingdon also paraded down Highland Street, which was bedecked with flags and banners, including Union Jacks; the street was lined on both sides by local school children who stood erect, hoping to enjoy a look at that prominent gentleman. Apparently, Lord Willingdon paid tribute at the Haliburton Cenotaph and symbolically planted some trees within its grounds. At the closure of the day's events, Governor General Willingdon and his party



Highland Street, showing school children lined up on either side of the street in anticipation of the march-by of Governor-General Lord Willingdon. The girl at centre, facing camera, is Leda Roberts (1920-2009). Note Austin's store in the background (now the site of JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports).



School children carrying out their drill at the Haliburton fairgrounds, as part of their contribution to the program honouring Lord Willingdon's visit to the village. Note Mountain Street buildings in the background. This photo pre-dates the first Dysart Arena (1932-1964); note the swings at right of photo.

Highland Street view showing local school children being marshalled into position in anticipation of Lord Willingdon's walk-by. The street was decorated with several coloured banners and, of course, the Union Jack. The children are wearing their Sunday best, or are outfitted with sashes. The Grand Central Hotel is prominent at left. At right, the rooftop of what was then the Bank of Montreal is visible at centre, followed by Fetterly's boarding house, W.R. Curry's garage, and Berkeley Feir's pool room.



boarded their special train and departed Haliburton, having enjoyed a mutually successful visit.

There is no account of this event known to have survived from the *Minden Echo*; the Lindsay newspapers from 1930 have not yet been posted on the internet. Consultation of the *Globe/Globe and Mail* as well as the *Toronto*

Daily Star newspaper archives do not make any references to this noteworthy occasion; indeed, very little is recorded therein regarding Willingdon's October 1930 activities.

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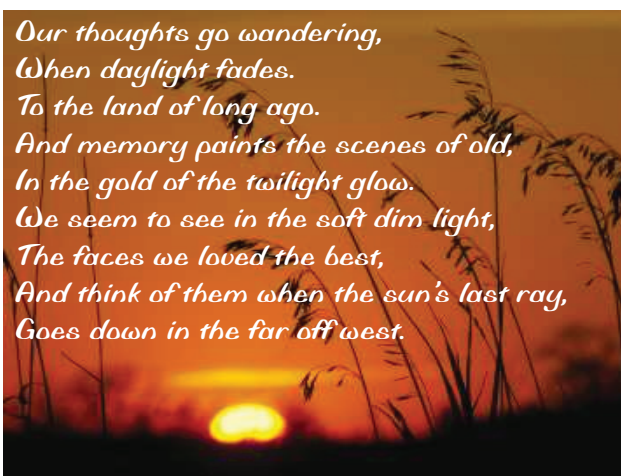
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In Loving Memory of
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It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Ila Margaret Griffin, mother, wife and special friend to those fortunate enough to know her. She died peacefully at Kingston General Hospital on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at the age of 87. Ila Margaret (Sampson) was the loving wife of 59 years to Grenville Earnest Griffin, cherished and proud mother of Edward James (Deb), treasured daughter of Edward Sampson and Violet Sampson (McKay) and adoring care giver to Maggie.

Ila grew up in Dorset on Lake of Bays, and later moved to Oshawa to raise her cherished only son and work for Rogers Cable TV. She enjoyed her retirement years on the shores of Grass Lake in West Guilford in Haliburton County. Recently, she made her home in Kingston to be closer to her son. Ila was a fifty six year member of The Order of the Eastern Star and, in her retirement, the Haliburton Curling Club and Lakeside Golf Club. Over the years, she loved to swim, play euchre, crochet, knit and bake any number of tasty desserts. She was also a very accomplished seamstress. Ila will be remembered fondly for her selfless love and support of family and friends, her feisty zest for life, and the unique ability to overcome with dignity and grace the many challenges sent her way. She will be missed dearly.

A Private Memorial Celebration of Ila's Life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, September 23, 2020. Interment to follow at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation would be greatly appreciated.



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Danny Linkert

It is with great sadness to announce the sudden passing of Danny Linkert on September 11, 2020 at the age of 58.

Danny was born and raised in the beautiful little town of Wilberforce Ontario. Preceded in death by his father Jack, his brother in law Kevin and nephew Terry. Danny leaves behind his mother Eva, his brother Terry (Bonnie) and sister Judy. Loving Uncle to Tammy (Justin), John (Christian), Candice and Suzanne (Richard). Loving great uncle to Christopher, Cameron, Colby, Richard, Zachary, Lincoln and Brody. Buddy who was Danny's fur baby and best friend is missing his loving touch every day and sits watching for him at the window.

Danny was a wonderful caring cousin, nephew and friend to so many and he will be missed immensely. Danny's passion and love for all things trains shone when he would display them in the many venues he was involved in. Danny most recently began a new adventure by cycling all over Haliburton Highlands and often as far as Peterborough, raising money for Childhood Cancers through Sick Kids foundations. This was a very near and dear foundation to him having lost his nephew to childhood cancer.

Anyone who had the pleasure of crossing paths with Danny would say he was a gentle kind loving soul, never saying a negative thing about anyone. These qualities made him a wonderful life guide for so many from all over the world that he met through his adventures with Master Key Experience. Danny's sudden passing has left a large void in everyone's heart.

Danny, May you feel the sun on your face and the peace in your soul as you ride the paved paths in heavens gardens. May you bless the spirits you cross with the same love and compassion you have left with all of us.



Phyllis Woodcock
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday morning, September 9, 2020, with her daughters by her side, in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late Russell Woodcock. Loving mother of Sandra (Al Oakley) and Susan (Marshall Carter predeceased).

Loving nanna to Sarah (Brendon Peddie), Lindsey and great grandchildren, Hannah and Rhett. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her sisters Aileen, Muriel, Grayce Walton, and brothers, Tom, Bon and Reg. In the 1940's Phyllis came to Haliburton to live with her Uncle Clayton and Aunt Phyllis Hodgson. Fondly remembered by all their family. In 1945 she started teaching in Maple Lake in a one-room school house with all grades and 30 students. She earned a B.A. from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1974. Phyllis taught for 32 1/2 years in Haliburton County. As an active Haliburton Curling Club member, she was given a Lifetime Membership in 1988 for her many years of dedication. Some of her community contributions were as a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, CNIB, and the Haliburton County Library Board. Phyllis had a lively spirit and welcoming nature. Always busy, and on the go, she will be missed.

Private Family Service

A Private Family Service will be held. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton County Library or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Dolores Gibb (nee Lane)

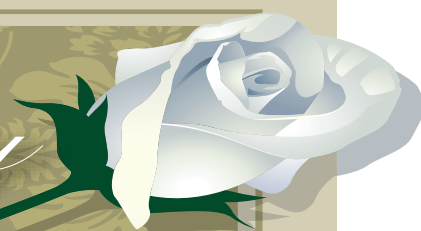
Born in Haliburton on May 14, 1933, passed away peacefully at home on September 15, 2020 at the age of 87.

Dear wife of the late Tom Ward (1971) and Allan Gibb (2016). Devoted mother to Tim (Lois), Rob, John (Bette-Anne) and Paul. Proud grandmother to Jennifer, Casandra, Jason, Adam and Garrett and great-grandmother to Christopher, Liam, Kate, Jack, Shay, Maya and Cara.

Private family services were held and she was laid to rest at Pine Hills Cemetery with Tom. Donations in Dolores' memory may be made to Addiction Free Youth or CAMH. Online condolences may be left at www.mcdbrownscarb.ca



With Heartfelt Sympathy



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"The voice of the Highlands" since 1882

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Mrs. Caroline Pierce, a resident of Hyland Crest, became 105 years old last week. In honor of her birthday a party was held at a relatives home in Lochlin. Mrs. Pierce enjoys keeping up with the news of the world.

Haliburton County's oldest resident

Caroline (Carrie) Pierce may be the second oldest person in Canada and she seems to like the idea. She even suggests that perhaps someday she will be first. Carrie celebrated her 105th birthday last Thursday afternoon at the home of her grand niece and nephew, Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Neville, of Lochlin.

Mrs. Pierce was born July 21, in Sussex, England, moved to Sudbury, Ontario in 1907, to Markham in 1947 and became a resident of Haliburton County last year. She is presently a resident of Hyland Crest Senior Citizen Home in Minden.

When asked what she attributed to living to the age of 105, Mrs. Pierce seemed to think there was no particular reason other than taking life easy.

When it was suggested to her that she may be the second oldest person in Canada, Mrs. Pierce was surprised. She questioned how close she was to the oldest person. The oldest known living person in Canada is David Trumble of Napanee, who will turn 110 in December of this year. Mr. Trumble was born in Haliburton.

Mrs. Pierce said that long life doesn't necessarily run in her family, at least not as long a life as she has

lived. She pointed out that she was from a family of nine children and the oldest any of the others lived was 88. She doesn't remember anyone else in her family living any longer than that.

Mrs. Pierce's birthday, as you can well imagine, during the last few years, have become occasions. Her 100th birthday, which she celebrated in Markham, just so happened to coincide with the 100th birthday of that municipality.

This meant that she had the honor of going to the Markham town hall and officially cutting the birthday cake for the centennial celebration. She was given a silver plate to commemorate the occasion.

For her 101st birthday, Mrs. Pierce got behind the controls of an airplane. The airplane trip was arranged by Herbert Couperthwaite, a Toronto cab driver, who is a pilot.

Mrs. Pierce admitted that she has seen a great deal in her 105 years, including the development of the automobile and airplane. She remembers seeing an airplane fly for the first time over a lake in England.

She says she has no hobbies but enjoys watching television and listening to the radio because as she says she "likes to know everything that is going on."

Country Good Times an annual success

The Country Good Times, in Wilberforce, proved to be as successful this year despite the fact that Monmouth is presently without an arena.

A number of events, such as the beer garden and food areas were held in tents.

Don Herbert, one of the organizers of the Good Times, said that they were quite pleased with the

success of this year's event and noted that there were a number of new items which seemed to please the crowd including an exhibition centre in the curling club.

Winner of the amateur contest was Lennie McGuire, a songstress from Haliburton.

In the horse draw the top prize went to Mac McGilvery in the heavy class. Clifford Manion was second and Dwight Corbett third.

In the light class Murray Cowen took top spot, followed by Alex Little in second and Udo Hogeschur in third.

The prize for the best float in the parade went to the Monmouth Senior Citizens. Derek Smith's Wilberforce Jail entry won the best comedy float in the parade award.

Best antique car award went to Norman Grant for his 1925 Willys. The best decorated car prize was taken by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The best decorated boys bike award went to Bruce Sargeant and the best decorated girls bike award went to Jennifer Klapow.

The best clown in the parade award was given to Bill Irwin.

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Municipal share up

Dysart et al taxpayers will find 11% increase

Dysart et al taxpayers will find an increase of about 11 per cent on their tax bills this year.

Dysart council has approved the 1977 mill rates of 256.13 residential and 291.89 commercial. This means a 25.90 increase in the residential rate and 30.44 commercially.

In a release from Reeve, Murray Fearrey, it points out that the 1977 education levy is the same, while the county

taxation has risen two per cent and the municipal nine per cent.

In discussing the matter with Reeve Fearrey, it was noted that the municipal portion of taxation for the past few years has more or less remained stable.

Reeve Fearrey pointed out that there were projects in 1977 that were nearing completion and had to be budgeted for. He sighted major increases in general

government up \$42,000 due to salary increases, increased legal expenditure due to Ontario Municipal Board hearings on apportionments and completion of the municipal building and fire hall.

Other areas of increased expenditure were roads with the budget up \$59,000 and planning and development which was up \$17,000 to pay for the new zoning bylaw.

Although the increase on municipal expenditure was

high, Reeve Fearrey indicated that some of the increases like the zoning were

not of a permanent nature so the taxpayers could look for some stability in the municipal portion of their tax bills.

Eakins upset by Miami advertising

John Eakins, MPP for Victoria-Haliburton, is hop-

ping mad about the way the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority describes a holiday in Ontario, according to a story in the Toronto Star. The Star story, which appeared on the front page, stated, "Mosquitoes the size of dive bombers. Hot and cold running poison ivy."

"That is how the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority describes a holiday in Ontario."

Mr. Eakins, the Liberal Tourism critic complained that the Miami organization's newspaper advertisement was in poor taste.

According to The Star story, Ontario tourism ministry officials didn't agree. "A spokesman said that the ad, which also suggested Ontario resorts featured 'wall-towall people,' was a clever, tongue-in-cheek effort to encourage tourists to come to Florida."

The person pointed out to The Star that Ontario advertises in the United States all the time but admitted, "We would not use the same creative approach."

Mr. John Eakins sent the following open letter to The Honourable Claude Bennett, Minister of Industry and Tourism:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of an article that appeared in the Toronto Daily Star on Saturday, July 16, 1977. It was an advertisement sponsored by the Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority, in which the pleasures of a Miami Beach holiday were, to say the least, unfairly com-

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Bob and Stephanie Wells, of Minden, will be enjoying some fine travelling and camping this summer with the camper they won in the Haliburton Legion Draw. In the picture are Keith Brannigan who sold the most tickets; Harry Cowen, who sold the

second highest number of tickets; Laurie Brown, drawer of the winning ticket; Mrs. Wells; John Wells (on his father's shoulder); Mr. Wells; Bob Bannon, carnival chairman and Audrey Bannon, a carnival worker.

Antique cars travel the area as part of tour

A number of antique cars toured through the Haliburton Highlands Monday, causing a few eyes to turn twice.

The antique cars and their owners are from the Classic and Antique Car Club of Canada and were motoring through the Highlands as part of a tour which originates every day in Orillia.

There were a total of 51 cars on the tour, which Mary Grant of Ottawa said starts every day in Orillia. The idea is that the cars tour a different area every day.

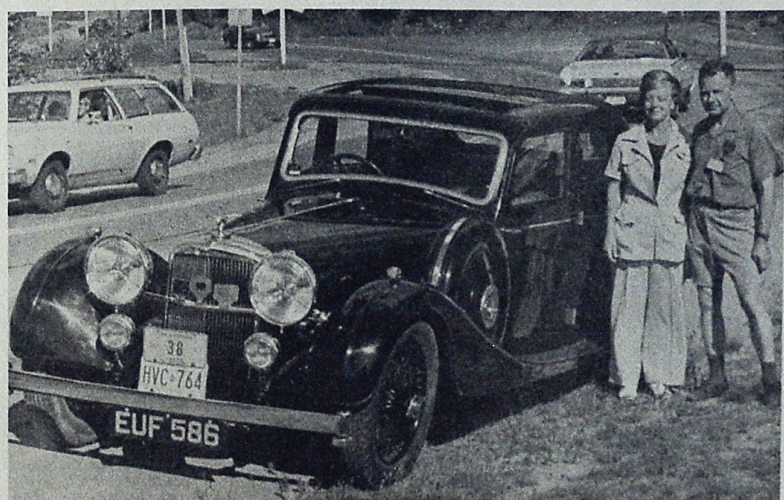
Mrs. Grant pointed out that the Haliburton trip involved driving to the Leslie Frost Centre in Dorset where the car owners and passengers had a picnic lunch and explored a nature trail. They then proceeded down Highway 35 to Minden, but many took a side trip through the Maple Lake, West Guilford and Haliburton area. In Minden they had supper at the Fireside.

Mrs. Grant and her husband Peter were among the many participants in the tour driving their 1938 Alvis. The Grants bought the rare automobile in England, in 1974. It took Mr. Grant 1,000 hours of work to restore the

car. He pointed out that only 203 were built over a three year period.

Mrs. Grant added that the Alvis' all have aluminum bodies and they all

were hand made so no two were alike.



Mary and Peter Grant, of Ottawa, stand beside their 1938 Alvis, which is one of 51 cars participating in an antique car rally at Geneva Park in the Orillia area. The cars toured through Haliburton County on Monday and

caused quite a stir among the people on the streets. The club was stopping at The Fireside in Minden for supper.

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